

State of California - Department of Fish and Game Instructions for Family and Women's Pheasant Hunts Year - 2005/2006 South Coast Region & Eastern Sierra-Inland Deserts Region



Application Process

- 1. Family, Junior, and *Women's* Pheasant Hunts are sponsored by the Department of Fish and Game with assistance from local sporting organizations. These hunts are available at <u>no charge to the licensed hunter</u>.
- 2. Hunts are open to anyone holding a valid California Hunting License and Upland Game Bird Stamp.

A "Family" can be anyone, up to a group of three individuals. Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Any person alone may be paired up with another hunter or hunting group.

A "Junior" is a person under the age of 16 years old at the time the hunting license is purchased. A non-hunting adult must accompany a junior hunter.

"Women's" hunts offer women a chance to learn new hunting skills, assisted with dog handlers.

3. All applications for the Special Hunts must be received by the posted deadline date to be considered for the draw. Applications may be mailed or faxed. Incomplete applications will be rejected. You may apply only once for a Family Hunt, either as an applicant or as a guest. Juniors MAY APPLY FOR FAMILY AND JUNIOR HUNTS. Women MAY APPLY FOR FAMILY AND WOMEN'S HUNTS. (Use a separate application for each hunt type). Applications are selected via a computer-generated random draw. All completed applications have an equal chance of being selected, except those of applicants who have been to a hunter safety class recently and have received a PHEASANT HUNT CERTIFICATE, (please see below).

IMPORTANT: If you have a hunt redemption certificate from attending a Hunter Safety class, you <u>must</u> mail it in with your application; faxed certificates <u>will not</u> be accepted.

NOTE: Applications must be received by September 7, 2005 to be eligible for the drawing.

Late applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis if hunt spaces are still available.

- 4. Only applicants successfully drawn and their guests named on the application will be allowed to hunt. No substitute hunters will be permitted.
- 5. It is the intention of the Special Pheasant Hunt program to provide **free** pheasant hunt opportunities to as many hunters as possible. Therefore, a person may enter the drawing only once, either as an applicant or a guest hunter. <u>Applicants may be selected for an additional hunt should any slots remain unfilled.</u>
- 6. Applicants and their guests will only be considered for the hunts they select. Up to ten hunt choices may be identified in the order of preference. Applicants who are not drawn to receive a "First Choice" will be drawn for their second, or third choice, etc. (It is anticipated that by marking up to ten hunt selections, all hunters will be accommodated)
- 7. Successful applicants will be mailed a permit, map, and specific information about the hunt for which they have been selected by <u>September 16, 2005.</u> **Only successful applicants will be notified**.

PHEASANT HUNT CERTIFICATES

Recent Hunter Education Program graduates (in southern California) are entitled to receive a <u>Pheasant Hunt Certificate</u>.

This certificate, when submitted with the respective Pheasant Hunt application, prior to the deadline date, entitles the applicant (and guests) to receive the hunt of their choice without participating in the random drawing.

Pheasant Hunt Certificates will be distributed on a 1 per person basis. Hunter education graduates 16 years of age or older when completing the course will be given 1 Family Pheasant Hunt certificate. Hunter education graduates 15 years of age or younger upon completion of the course will receive 1 Junior Pheasant Hunt Certificate; No other certificates will be issued.

Questions? Call (562) 342-7145